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SUBJECT: MAIRE DRUMM AND IAN PAISLEY CRITICIZE PEACE MARCH

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1. PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN VICE PRESIDENT MAIRE DRUMM APPEARED AGAIN IN MAGISTRATES COURT BELFAST AUGUST 23 FOR HEARING ON CHARGES OF PARTICIPATING IN ELLEGAL PROCESSION AUGUST 8 (REFTEL B). SHE AGAIN REFUSED BAIL, REFUSED SERVICES OF SOLICITOR AND REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE COURT. SHE REMANDED IN CUSTODY FOR ANOTHER WEEK. DURING HEARING SHE CHARGED PEACE MARCHERS AUGUST 21 HAD NOT OBTAINED PERMIT FOR PROCESSION AND DEMANDED TO KNOW WHETHER IT "ONLY REPUBLICANS WHO HAVE TO GIVE 120 HOURS NOTICE OF A PARADE." SEVEN OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN PARADE AUGUST 8 HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED.

2. BBC ULSTER RADIO NEWS ITEM AUGUST 24 REPORTED REVEREND IAN PAISLEY QUESTIONING LEGALITY OF PEACE PARADE AND CALLING FOR EQUAL APPLICATION OF LAW. ARTICLE IN PAISLEY NEWSPAPER
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"PROTESTANT TELEGRAPH" IN ISSUE AUGUST 21 DESCRIBED CURRENT

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PEACE CAMPAIGN AS "SPURIOUS". ARTICLE NOTED ANDERSONSTOWN WOMEN HAVE NOT PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR SECURITY FORCES OR AGREED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON GANGSTERS. WRITER CALLED FOR "PEACE THROUGH VICTORY". PEASE MOVEMENTS NOW BEING ORGANIZED IN SEVERAL TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN PROVINCE. THEY MAY ACCOMPLISH NOTHING BUT THEY ARE INDICATIVE OF A COMMON STATE OF MIND. ANOTHER INDICATOR WAS ARTICLE IN BELFAST NEWS LETTER AUGUST 24 STATING ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY (RUC) SPOKESMAN HAD DESCRIBED "NEW AWARENESS BY THE PUBLIC THAT CRIMINAL TERRORISTS ARE THE ENEMY OF ALL." ARTICLE CLAIMED FLOW OF INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC TO POLICE INCREASING STEADILY.

3. TWO BOMBS IN BELFAST SUBURB AUGUST 23 DAMAGED INDUSTRIAL ESTATE DUNMURRY. THERE ALSO BOMBS IN SHANKILL ROAD AND COUNTY ARMAGH. SOUTH ANTRIM EXECUTIVE OF REPUBLICAN CLUBS (OFFICIAL IA) CONDEMNED DUNMURRY BOMBINGS FOR INCREASING UNEMPLOYMENT.

4. ARMY IN SPOTLIGHT FOR SHOOTING OF TAXI-DRIVER WEST BELFAST AUGUST 22 AND ARREST OF TWO PLAIN-CLOTHES SOLDIERS BY GARDAI ON ARMAGH/MONAGHAN BORDER AUGUST 23. SOLDIERS TAKEN TO MONAGHAN BUT LATER RELEASED AND ESCORTED BACK ACROSS BORDER. RUC CLAIMED SOLDIERS WERE ON NORTHERN SIDE OF BORDER WHEN ARRESTED. BORDER RUNS DOWN MIDDLE OF ROAD AT SPOT AND WHETHER SOLDIERS IN NORTH OR SOUTH DEPENDS ON WHICH SIDE OF THE ROAD THEY ON. ARMY HAS ACKNOWLEDGED WOUNDED TAXI-DRIVER WAS NOT GUNMAN BUT MAINTAINED SOLDIERS BELIEVED THEY UNDER ATTACK BY SNIPER.
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